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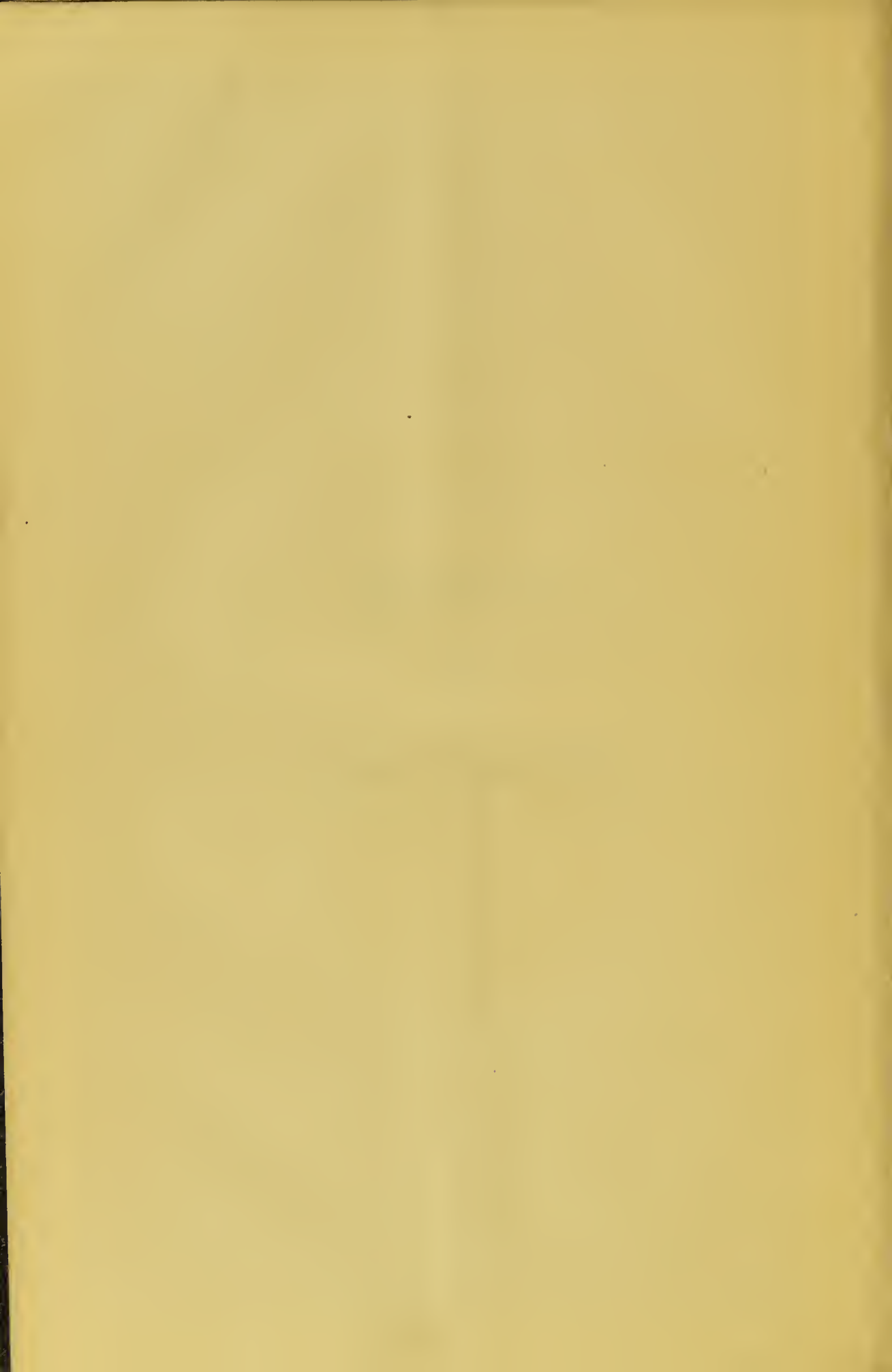




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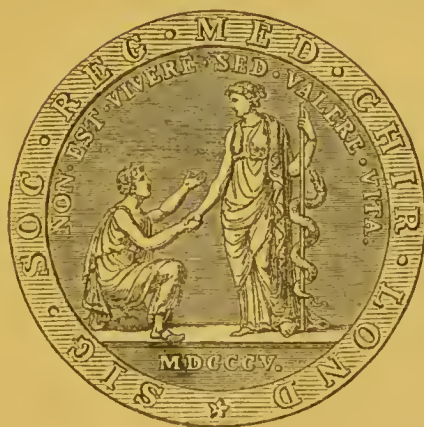
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# CHARTER.

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WILLIAM THE FOURTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith—TO ALL to whom these presents shall come GREETING. I. Petition for a Charter,

WHEREAS John Elliotson Doctor of Physic, Sir Astley Paston Cooper Baronet, and John Yelloly Doctor of Physic, have, by their petition, humbly represented unto us that a Society was formed in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, by a considerable number of Physicians and Surgeons of eminence in London, for the cultivation and promotion of Physic and Surgery, and of the branches of Science connected with them, of which the last two named of the petitioners were original members; and that the said Society has expended considerable sums of money in the purchase and collection of a large and valuable library, and has published eighteen volumes of Transactions which have had a very extensive circulation. AND WHEREAS they the said petitioners have humbly besought us that we should give to them and to the other persons who have already become Members of the said Society, or who may at any time hereafter become Members of it, our Royal Charter of Incorporation for imparting greater stability and effect to the designs of the said Society. Now KNOW YE, that we, being desirous of encouraging a design so laudable, have of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, willed, granted and ordained, and Do by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, will, grant and ordain that the said John Elliotson, Sir Astley Paston Cooper, and John and grant of it to the present Members and those who shall be elected according to *future* Bye-Laws.

Yelloly, and such others of our loving subjects as are now Members of the said Society, or who shall at any time hereafter become Members thereof, according to such Bye-Laws as shall hereafter be framed or enacted, shall by virtue of these presents be called Fellows of the said Society, and shall be one body politic and corporate, by the name of *The Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London*; of which Society we do hereby declare ourselves, and successors if they shall think fit, the Patron, by which name they shall have perpetual succession, and a common seal with full power to alter, vary, break and renew the same at their discretion, and by the same name to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto in every court of us our heirs and successors, and be for ever able and capable in the law to purchase, receive, hold, possess, and enjoy to them and their successors, any goods and chattels whatsoever, and also be able and capable in the law (notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain) to take, purchase, hold and enjoy to them and their successors, any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever, the yearly value of which shall not exceed in the whole the sum of two thousand pounds, computing the same respectively at the rack rent which might have been had or gotten for the same respectively at the time of the purchase or acquisition thereof; and shall have full power and authority to sell, alien, charge or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property so to be by them acquired as aforesaid, and to act and do in all things relating to the said corporation in as ample manner and form as any other our liege subjects, being persons able and capable in the law, or any other body politic and corporate in our said United Kingdom of Great Britain, may or can act or do.

II. Appoint-  
ment of the  
first President,  
and first two  
Members of  
Council,

AND WE DO further declare and grant that for the better government of the said Society and for the better management of the concerns thereof, there shall be, from the date of these presents thenceforth and for ever, a President of the said Society, who with twenty Fellows to be elected in

manner hereinafter mentioned shall form the Council. And we do hereby appoint the said John Elliotson the first President of the said Society, and the said Sir Astley Paston Cooper and John Yelloly the first Members of the Council, to continue in office till the first day of March next. AND WE FURTHER DIRECT that within four months from the date of these letters patent, a General Meeting of the Fellows of the said Society shall be held, who shall be authorised by method of ballot to elect eighteen fit and proper persons as Officers and other Members of the Council, to complete the number of twenty-one, of whom including the President WE have willed that the Council shall be composed, and that such additional persons shall likewise continue in office till the first day of March next, and till other fit and proper persons be chosen in their room.

AND Our further will and pleasure is, that the Fellows of the said Society shall and may on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, and also shall and may on the first day of March in every succeeding year or as near the same as conveniently may be, assemble together at the then last or other usual place of meeting of the said Society, and proceed by method of ballot to nominate and appoint a President of the said Society, and such Officers and other Members of the Council as may with the President form the number of twenty-one, of whom we have willed that the Council shall consist; and also may in case of the death, resignation or removal of the President or any Officer or other Member of the Council within the space of three months next after such death, resignation or removal, elect some other person being a Fellow of the said Society to supply the place of such President or Officer or other Member of the Council. And Our further will and pleasure is, that no Fellow who has filled the office of President for two successive years shall be again eligible to the same situation until the expiration of one year from the termination of his office, and that not more than two thirds of the Fellows who have formed the Council of the

who are to be joined within four months by eighteen other Members of Council appointed at a General Meeting: and all to remain in office till the 1st of March.

III. The Society to appoint twenty-one Officers and other Members of Council on the 1st of March in every year,

to fill up vacancies that may occur in the intervals;

not to appoint the same President for more than two successive years, nor ever elect more than two thirds of the

Members of the last Council; to have the power of electing new Fellows, and expelling Fellows.

The Council to have the power of making Bye-Laws, for regulating the affairs of the Society, the description and number of its officers, elections and expulsions, appointment of subordinate Officers, filling up vacancies, determining the qualifications of candidates, the amount of entrance and subscription-money, and the qualifications of Honorary Fellows; and to have the power of altering and revoking such Bye-Laws as may be

preceding year shall be re-elected Members of the Council at such annual meeting. And we do further grant and declare that the Fellows of the said Society or any ten or more of them shall and may have power from time to time at the meetings of the said Society to be held at the usual place of meeting of the said Society, or at such place as shall have in that behalf been appointed, by and with the consent of not less than four fifths of the Fellows present, to elect such persons to be Fellows of the said Society, and all Fellows to remove from the said Society, as they shall think fit; and that the Council hereby directed to be appointed and the Council of the said Society for the time being, or any three or more of them, all the members thereof having been first duly summoned to attend the meetings thereof, shall and may have power according to the best of their judgment and discretion to make and establish such Bye-Laws as they shall deem proper and necessary for regulating the affairs of the said Society, and also the number and description of its Officers, and also the times, place and manner of electing and removing the Fellows of the said Society, and all such subordinate servants, officers and attendants as shall be deemed necessary or useful for the said Society, and also for filling up from time to time any vacancies which may happen by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise in any of the officers or appointments constituted or established for the execution of the business and concerns of the said Society, and for regulating and ascertaining the qualifications of persons to become Fellows of the said Society respectively, and also the sum and sums of money to be paid by them respectively, or any of them, whether upon admission or otherwise, towards carrying on the purposes of the said Society, and also the number, qualifications and privileges of such persons as they may from time to time deem it proper to admit as Honorary Fellows; and such Bye-Laws from time to time to vary, alter or revoke and make such new and other Bye-Laws as they shall think most useful and expedient, so that the same be

not repugnant to these presents, or to the laws of this our Realm: PROVIDED, that no Bye-Law hereafter to be made, or alteration or repeal of any Bye-law which shall hereafter have been established by the said Council hereby directed to be appointed, shall be considered to have passed and be binding on the said Society, until such Bye-Laws or such alteration or repeal of any Bye-Laws shall, after such notice to the Fellows as from time to time may be deemed expedient by the said Society, have been confirmed by ballot by the members at large of the said Society, ten at least of the Fellows of the said Society being present: and Provided that no such Bye-law or alteration or repeal of any Bye-Law shall be deemed or taken to pass in the affirmative, unless it shall appear upon such ballot that not less than two thirds of the Fellows present at such meeting shall have voted for the same. And Our further will and pleasure is, that it shall be lawful for any three Fellows, by writing under their hands transmitted to the President or such other officer or officers as may by the Bye-Laws hereafter to be made be designated for the purpose, to recommend to the Council any new Bye-Laws or alteration or repeal of any existing Bye-Laws; and in case the Council shall not agree to such new Bye-Laws or alteration or repeal of any existing Bye-Laws, then Our will and pleasure is, that such propositions shall, if required by the said three Fellows, be submitted to the consideration of the Society at large, and determined on by them in the same way as has been directed with regard to new Bye-Laws or alterations or repeals of existing Bye-Laws which have been approved by the Council. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS Ourself, at our Palace at Westminster, this thirtieth day of September, in the fifth year of Our reign.

made,—  
Provided  
the Society  
sanction the  
proceeding of  
the Council.

Any three  
Fellows may  
make recom-  
mendations  
respecting  
Bye-Laws to  
the Council—

or to the  
Society, if  
the Council  
dissent from  
the recommen-  
dation.

BY WRIT OF PRIVY SEAL,

EDMUNDS.

# BYE-LAWS.

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## CHAPTER I.

### *Of the Object and Constitution of the Society.*

I.—THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY is instituted for the cultivation and promotion of Medicine and Surgery, and the branches of Science connected therewith.

II.—The Society shall consist of Fellows and Honorary Fellows. The Fellows shall be unlimited in number; the Honorary Fellows shall not exceed twelve British subjects, and twenty Foreigners.

III.—Such of the Fellows as reside within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall be considered as Resident Fellows: all the others as Non-resident.

IV.—The Fellows of the Society shall consist of Fellows and Members of the Colleges of Physicians or Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, Doctors and Bachelors of Medicine of the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland, Members of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Licentiates of the Apothecaries of London and Dublin, and Foreigners whose qualifications are satisfactory to the Council; but the number of Resident Fellows, who are General Practitioners, shall not exceed one third of the total number of Resident Fellows.

V.—British subjects who have eminently distinguished themselves in Medicine, Surgery, or in Sciences connected therewith, but who do not practise the medical profession, shall be eligible as Honorary Fellows.

VI.—Foreigners who have eminently distinguished themselves in Medicine, Surgery, or in Sciences connected therewith, shall be eligible as Honorary Fellows.

VII.—The Officers of the Society shall be elected from the Fellows, and shall consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, two Treasurers, two Secretaries, and two Librarians, who, together with as many other Fellows as shall make up twenty-one, shall constitute the Council, and shall have the management of the Society's affairs.

## CHAPTER II.

### *Of the Election and Admission of Fellows.*

I.—EVERY Candidate for admission into the Society as a Fellow, shall be proposed and recommended by three or more Fellows, who shall deliver to one of the Secretaries, a paper, signed by themselves, specifying the Christian and Surname of such person, his professional qualifications and whence obtained, together with his department of practice and usual place of residence, and that he is a fit and proper person to be elected a Fellow; all which shall be certified from their personal acquaintance with him. But, if such Candidate shall be a foreigner, and resident abroad, such proposal and recommendation from one Fellow to be sufficient, together with a recommendation signed by two other Fellows, certifying that from their knowledge of his works, he is a fit and proper person to be elected a Fellow.

II.—Every recommendation shall be suspended in the common meeting room of the Society for one meeting at least, exclusive of that on which it was presented, and shall remain suspended until the ballot for election shall take place. A list shall be sent to each Resident Fellow fourteen days before the day of election, containing the name of every Candidate whose recommendation has been suspended in accordance with the preceding law;

and such list shall specify the Christian and Surname of such person, his professional qualifications and whence obtained, together with his department of practice and usual place of residence, and also the names of the Fellows who have recommended him to the Society for election. The election of Fellows into the Society shall be by ballot, and the ballot shall be taken in such manner as the Council shall from time to time determine; and no person shall be declared elected unless he have in his favour the votes of four fifths of the Fellows present, ten Fellows at the least being present. The election of Fellows shall take place on the first Ordinary General Meetings of the Society in December, February, April, and June, and the ballot shall be taken in the presence of not less than two Members of the Council, and the result shall be declared by the President or Fellow presiding.

III.—Every person elected a Fellow of the Society shall, if he live within seven miles of the General Post-office, have immediate notice of his election sent to him by one of the Secretaries, according to the form in No. I. of the Appendix; and shall appear for his admission on or before the fourth Ordinary Meeting of the Society after his election, or within such further time as shall be granted by the Council, on special application to them for that purpose; otherwise his election shall be void.

IV.—Such person shall, previously to his admission, subscribe the following Obligation in the Obligation Book:

“ We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, having been elected Fellows of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, hereby promise, that we will, so long as we shall be and continue Fellows, to the utmost of our power, promote the honour and interest of the said Society, and observe the enactments of its Charter and Bye-Laws.”

If any person elected shall refuse to subscribe this Obligation, his election shall be void.



V.—The admission of any Fellow into the Society shall be at some meeting thereof, in manner and form following, he having first paid the Admission Fee and subscribed the Obligation; viz., being presented by some Fellow, the President, or Fellow officiating in his stead, shall address him in these words,—“By the authority and in the name of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, I admit you a Fellow thereof.”

VI.—Such persons as may be elected Fellows of the Society, and do not live within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall have the notice, No. II. of the Appendix, transmitted to them by one of the Secretaries; and shall be considered Fellows, on paying the Admission Fee, and returning, duly signed, the Obligation, No. III. of the Appendix, a copy of which shall accompany the notice of their election.

VII.—The election, or re-election, of every person into the Society, with the time thereof, shall be recorded in the Journal Book; but if it appear upon the ballot that the person proposed is not elected, or re-elected, a Fellow, no notice shall be taken of the decision in the minutes.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Of the Election of Honorary Fellows.*

I.—THE power to recommend persons as Honorary Fellows shall be vested in the Council, and their election shall be conducted in the same manner as that of other Fellows, with the exception that personal acquaintance shall not be necessary in recommending them.

II.—Honorary Fellows shall have the Diploma (No. IV. of the Appendix) transmitted to them; and when present at a General Meeting of the Society, shall be admitted with Formalities similar to those prescribed for the admission of Fellows.

III.—The Resident Honorary Fellows shall enjoy the

privilege of attending and introducing friends at the Ordinary General Meetings of the Society, in the same manner as ordinary Fellows; and of visiting the Library; but shall not be entitled to any further privileges, without special leave, granted by the Society, at the recommendation of the Council.

## CHAPTER IV.

### *Of the Withdrawing and Removal of Fellows.*

I.—ANY Fellow may withdraw from the Society upon his signifying his desire to do so, by letter under his hand addressed to the President; provided he shall have paid whatever may be due from him to the Society, and returned all books belonging to the Society.

II.—Whenever there shall appear cause, in the opinion of the Council, for the removal of any Fellow from the Society, a minute shall be made thereof, and shall, after having been suspended in the Society's room for at least fourteen days, be submitted to the consideration of the Annual General, or a Special General Meeting of the Society; and being put to the ballot, and four fifths of the Fellows present voting for it, ten at the least being present, the President, or Fellow presiding, shall declare such Fellow removed from the Society accordingly.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Of the Contributions of Fellows.*

I.—EVERY person elected a Fellow of the Society, and living within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall, previously to his admission, pay to the Society the Sum of Six Guineas as an Admission Fee; and shall afterwards contribute the sum of Three Guineas annually. But every Fellow may, after the payment of the Admission Fee, compound for his annual contribution by paying at

once the sum of Forty-five Guineas; every Fellow who has paid five annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions, by paying at once the sum of Thirty-nine Guineas; every Fellow who has paid ten annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions by paying at once the sum of Thirty-three Guineas; every Fellow who has paid fifteen annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions by paying at once the sum of Twenty-seven Guineas; every Fellow who has paid twenty annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions by paying at once the sum of Twenty-one Guineas; every Fellow who has paid twenty-five annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions by paying at once the sum of Fifteen Guineas; and every Fellow who has paid thirty annual contributions may compound for all future annual contributions by paying at once the sum of Five Guineas.

II.—All sums of money paid to the Society as Composition Fees in lieu of annual contributions, shall be invested in the names of Trustees in such Government or other Securities as shall be approved of, and directed by the Council. The principal of these sums of money shall not be expended without the sanction of a General Meeting of the Society, but the interest thereof shall be paid by the Trustees to the Treasurers for the purposes of the current expenditure of the Society.

III.—All yearly contributions shall be considered payable at each Annual General Meeting, for the current year; but no Fellow elected within one month preceding the Anniversary Meeting shall be liable to annual contributions, till the second Annual General Meeting from the time of his election.

IV.—Every Fellow whose subscription shall be more than three months in arrear, shall have his name suspended in the public meeting room, as being in arrear, and shall not enjoy any of the privileges of a Fellow until such

subscription be paid. If the arrear shall not be paid on or before the first meeting in the November following, and no reason assigned, satisfactory to the President and Council, for such non-payment, he shall cease to be a Fellow of the Society. Provided that on a solicitation for readmission being addressed to the President and Council by an individual so circumstanced, within the space of three months following such meeting in November, the cause of the individual so soliciting shall be stated by the President from the Chair at one of the ordinary General Meetings of the Society, and the question of his readmission decided by ballot at the next ordinary General Meeting; but no person so applying shall be declared re-elected unless he shall have in his favour the votes of four fifths of the Fellows present, ten Fellows at the least being present.

V.—Every person who has been elected a Fellow of the Society, and does not live within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall pay the sum of Six Guineas without further contribution; but any Non-resident Fellow wishing to enjoy the privileges of a Resident Fellow, shall be at liberty to do so, on paying the annual contribution of Three Guineas.

VI.—Any Non-resident Fellow, who shall afterwards reside within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall subscribe the Obligation, and contribute the usual annual subscription, like other Resident Fellows.

VII.—Any Resident Fellow of the Society, who may cease to live within seven miles of the General Post-office, shall, from the Anniversary Meeting succeeding the commencement of his absence, be considered a Non-resident Fellow, and freed from the payment of his annual contribution: and the same shall apply to any temporary absence, provided it include the whole period between one Anniversary Meeting and another; but such Fellow becoming Non-resident, shall be entitled to the Transactions of the Society, on paying the sum of Six Guineas.

## CHAPTER VI.

*Of the Election of Officers and Council.*

I.—EVERY Resident Fellow of the Society shall be summoned to the Annual Meeting, at least a week previous to the day on which it shall take place, by a letter signed by the President and one of the Secretaries.

II.—The whole of the Members of the Council shall be elected annually by ballot; but no Fellow shall be eligible to the offices of President or Vice-President, for more than two years in succession; neither shall any Fellow be eligible for the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, or Librarian, for more than two years in succession; unless recommended for re-election by a majority of not less than two-thirds, ascertained by ballot, in a meeting of Council, specially summoned for the consideration of the house-list.

III.—One half of the Members of the Council, who are not officers of the Society, shall go out in rotation annually, and be replaced by an equal number of other Members, chosen from the Society at large. But a Fellow who has thus quitted his seat in the Council, shall, nevertheless, retain his eligibility to any office in the Society.

IV.—Balloting lists, recommended by the Council, and having blank spaces for such alterations as any Fellow may wish to make in them, shall be laid on the Society's table, for the use of the Fellows, seven days previously to the day of election, and sent to each Resident Fellow, with the circular summons.

V.—The Chair shall be taken at the Annual Meeting, at such time as shall be fixed upon by the Council, which shall be inserted in the circular summons, and the ballot shall continue open for not less than one hour.

VI.—The President, or Fellow presiding in his stead, shall appoint, from the Fellows present, two or more scrutiners, to superintend the ballot in its progress; and when it is closed, to examine the lists, and report the result to the meeting.

VII.—Each Fellow voting shall deliver his list, folded up, to the President, or Fellow presiding in his stead; and the name of each Fellow who shall so deliver in his list shall be noted by one of the Secretaries.

VIII.—If any Fellows have an equal number of suffrages for an office in the Society, or place in the Council, the person to be elected shall be determined by lot.

## CHAPTER VII.

### *Of the President and Vice-Presidents.*

I.—THE business of the President shall be to preside at all the Meetings, and to regulate all the proceedings of the Society and Council; to state and put questions, both in the affirmative and negative, according to the sense and intention of the Meeting; to maintain order in the proceedings, and to execute, and see to the execution of, the Provisions of the Charter and Bye-Laws of the Society. He shall, after the minutes of each Meeting are read over, with the approbation of the Meeting, sign the same, as a voucher for their accuracy.

II.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents in rotation, or, in their absence, one of the Treasurers, or a Fellow, chosen by the Fellows present, shall take the Chair, and do every such business as the President, when present, is empowered to do by the Charter and Bye-Laws of the Society.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *Of the Trustees.*

I.—THERE shall be three Trustees of the Society, who shall stand possessed of the funds and securities of the Society for the time being, vested in them upon trust, from time to time, to pay the dividends and interest thereof to the Treasurers of the Society, and to apply and dispose of such funds and securities for the benefit of the Society in such manner as shall be directed by the Council, subject

to the control of General Meetings of the Society ; and upon going out of Office, the Trustees shall execute all necessary deeds and instruments, as the Council shall require, for vesting all their interest in the funds and property of the Society for the time being of the Society.

II.—That at the first meeting of the Council which shall be held after the Annual General Meeting of the Society in every year, the Council shall fill by ballot, from among themselves, or from the other Fellows of the Society, any vacancies which may have occurred in the office of Trustee of the Society ; and provided the choice of persons to fill up such vacancies shall be confirmed by the Council at their next meeting, such persons shall be declared duly appointed Trustees of the Society accordingly.

III.—That should the choice of any such persons to be Trustees not be confirmed by the Council at their next meeting, the Council shall, at their following or subsequent meetings, proceed to a new choice, and confirmation thereof, until the existing vacancies shall be filled up.

## CHAPTER IX.

### *Of the Treasurers.*

I.—THE Treasurers, or some persons appointed by them, shall receive, for the use of the Society, all sums of money due or payable to the Society ; and, out of such money, shall pay and disburse all sums of money which may be due from, or payable by the Society ; and shall keep particular accounts of all such receipts and payments, in the way which may seem most proper to the Council.

II.—They shall not pay any sum of money on account of the Society, without the previous sanction of the Council.

III.—All sums of money, in the hands of the Treasurers, which shall not be immediately required for the use of the Society, shall be invested in the names of the Trustees in

such government or other securities as shall be approved of, and directed by, the Council.

IV.—The Treasurers shall keep a book of printed check receipts for annual contributions ; each receipt shall be signed by both of them, and be filled up with the name of the Fellow paying, the sum paid, and the time for which the contribution is paid. These receipts shall be countersigned by the person who shall receive the money on the Treasurers' behalf, and who, upon the delivery of the receipt of the Fellow paying, shall enter upon the counterpart thereof the above particulars, and the day of payment. The same proceedings shall be observed with regard to the receipts for admission and composition fees.

V.—The accounts of the Treasurers shall be audited annually by a Committee, consisting of five Members of the Council (of whom the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, and one of the Secretaries, shall be two), and of five fellows of the Society, not Members of the Council, who shall be nominated by the President, with the consent of the major part of the Fellows present, given by ballot, if demanded, at any of the three meetings next preceding the Annual General Meeting ; and any three or more of the said Committee shall be a quorum.

VI.—This Committee shall make their report, in writing, to the Society, upon the day of the said General Meeting ; and also to the Council, at the first meeting after such audit, stating not only the balance in the Treasurers' hands, but also the general state of the funds of the Society.

## CHAPTER X.

### *Of the Secretaries.*

I.—THE Secretaries shall have the superintendence of the resident officers and servants of the Society, and shall have the management of the correspondence of the Society and Council.



II.—The Secretaries shall attend all meetings of the Society, Council, and Committees; where, when the Chair has been taken, one of them shall read the minutes, orders, and entries of the preceding meeting, and shall afterwards take minutes of the business and orders of the present meeting in a rough minute book, to be afterwards entered in the proper book; and, at the meetings of the Society shall mention the presents made since the last meeting; shall give notice of candidates that stand proposed for election into the Society; and shall read the letters and papers presented to the Society, in the order of time in which they were received, unless the President shall otherwise direct.

III.—The Secretaries shall have the charge, under the direction of the Council, of printing the Transactions of the Society, and of correcting the press.

## CHAPTER XI.

### *Of the Librarians.*

I.—THE Librarians shall have the superintendence of the Sub-librarian in all matters relative to the Library, and be permanent members of the Library Committee.

II.—They shall, with the assistance of the Library Committee, inspect the Library once at least in every three years, and make a report on the state of it, to the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.

III.—They shall have the charge, under the direction of the Council, of ordering books, and printing Catalogues of the Library, and shall enter the titles of all new works in the Catalogue.

## CHAPTER XII.

### *Of the Sub-librarian.*

I.—THE Sub-librarian shall either not be a Fellow of the Society; or, if a Fellow, shall cease to be so on his election to, and acceptance of, that Office.

II.—The Sub-librarian shall live in, and have the care of, the Society's House, and of the Library and other property contained in it; and shall give such security as may be required by the Council.

III.—He shall enter in a book, and mark with the Society's Stamp, all books presented to, or bought by, the Society, as soon as they may be received; and shall give out the books to the Fellows, and do the other business of the Library, according to the directions of the Council and Librarians. He shall regularly collect the annual contributions as they become due, and pay the same to the Treasurers, or person whom they may appoint to receive them. He shall prepare and transmit the summonses, and shall always be in attendance at meetings of the Society and Council. He shall be subject to such other rules and orders as may be given to him by the Council, and shall receive such remuneration for his services as they may deem proper.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### *Of the Council.*

I.—THE Council shall have the management of the affairs of the Society, and shall appoint such resident officers and servants as they may deem necessary; shall fix their duty, and suspend or remove them when they see occasion. They shall determine upon such security as may be proper to be given by such officers and servants.

II.—The Council shall meet at the House of the Society on the second Tuesday in every month, or oftener should they see occasion; and three shall be a quorum, except in cases relating to the publication of Papers, when seven members must be present. Due notice of each meeting shall be sent to every Member of the Council.

III.—Special Meetings of the Council may be held on the requisition of the President, or any three Members.

IV.—All questions in the Council shall be determined by vote, or by ballot, if demanded; and in case of an

equality of votes, the President shall have a second, or casting vote; except in cases relating to the publication of a Paper; when, if the votes be equal, the further consideration of the question shall be adjourned to the next Meeting of Council; and if on a second ballot there shall still be an equality of votes, it shall be determined in the negative.

V.—The Council shall form a standing Committee to determine upon the propriety of publishing, with the consent of the Authors, such Papers as may have been read before the Society.

VI.—They shall be empowered to appoint, at the first Meeting of Council after the Annual Election, thirty-six Fellows of the Society, as Referees, to report to them confidentially on the merits of Papers read before the Society, especially as to their fitness for publication in the Transactions of the Society.

VII.—The Council shall annually appoint a Library Committee, of which the Librarians shall be permanent Members, to assist them in the selection of Books, and in the management of the Library; and shall have it in their power to appoint as many other Committees as they may think useful for promoting the objects of the Society, and to admit into such Committees any Fellows of the Society, whether Members of the Council or not. Such Committees shall act upon the instructions which they receive from time to time from the Council, to whom they shall report their proceedings, and their appointment shall last for no longer time than up to the day of the succeeding annual election.

VIII.—The Council shall exercise such other powers and authorities as are given to them by the Charter and Bye-Laws; and shall, from time to time, make such regulations and issue such orders, not inconsistent therewith, as shall appear to them conducive to the good government of the Society, and to the proper management of its concerns.

## CHAPTER XIV.

*Of the Society's Transactions.*

I.—THE Transactions of the Society, under the designation of MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL TRANSACTIONS, shall be printed at such times and in such a manner as the Council shall direct.

II.—Every Resident Fellow of the Society, and every Non-resident Fellow paying an annual contribution, whose subscription is not three months in arrear, shall be entitled to receive, gratis, one copy of each volume which may be published subsequently to his being admitted a Fellow: and the Council shall be empowered to present, in the name of the Society, copies of the Transactions to such scientific bodies as they may think proper.

III.—Every Non-resident Fellow of the Society, on payment of the sum of Six Guineas, in addition to the usual Admission Fee, is entitled to receive, without any further expense, one copy of every volume of the Society's Transactions which may be published subsequently to such payment.

IV.—Authors of Communications may, on application to the Secretary, be furnished, at the expense of the Society, with twenty-five private copies of every Paper which may be presented by them to the Society, and printed in the Medico-Chirurgical Transactions: but such copies are not to be delivered to them, unless by a special order of the Council, till the volume is ready for publication.

## CHAPTER XV.

*Of the Library.*

I.—THE Library shall be under the management and direction of the Council. It shall be open every day (Sundays excepted), at such hours as the Council shall direct. The Council shall be empowered to designate such works as shall not be allowed to circulate.

II.—Eight books shall be allowed to be in the possession of a Fellow at the same time. Pamphlets and periodical publications are not to be kept above one week, nor any other book above two weeks.

III.—Periodical publications shall remain on the Library table, for the inspection of Fellows, for a month, and other books for a week, after they are received.

IV.—When a book is wanted which has been in the possession of a Fellow the stipulated time, the Assistant-Librarian shall send a notice by the post, to the person in whose possession it may be, requesting the return of it: and a fine of Sixpence per day shall be incurred for every day that it may be detained, after the third from the transmission of such notice; and from the issue of such notice, and until the return of such work or works and the discharge of all fines incurred through delay, no further issue of books shall be permitted to the Fellow so applied to.

V.—The books shall be ordered in for inspection at such time as the Council shall appoint, and a fine of Five Shillings per volume shall be incurred for neglecting to send in books by the time required in the notice.

VI.—A Book shall lie on the Library table, in which Fellows may insert, for the consideration of the Council or Library Committee, the titles of such works as they may wish to be purchased by the Society.

VII.—Fellows who borrow books from the Library shall be answerable for the full value of any that may be lost or injured.

VIII.—The Council shall have it in their power to collect the fines in the way which they may think best.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### *Of Ordinary General Meetings.*

I.—THE ordinary General Meetings of the Society shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month,

from the second Tuesday in November, to the fourth Tuesday in June (both inclusive), at half-past eight o'clock in the evening. Meetings appointed for the election of Fellows shall commence at half-past seven o'clock. On the fourth Tuesday in December the Society shall not meet.

II.—Each Fellow of the Society shall have the privilege of introducing a stranger at every ordinary Meeting, on delivering his name to the President or person acting in his stead; and the name of every stranger, so introduced, shall be entered in the Visitors' book; but no stranger shall be introduced more than three times in the same session.

III.—The business of the Society at their ordinary Meetings, shall be to read letters, reports and other papers on Medicine, Surgery, or any of the branches of Science connected therewith, and to converse upon professional subjects.

IV.—At the ordinary General Meetings of the Society, nothing relating to its laws or management shall be brought forward.

V.—At ordinary General Meetings, five shall be a quorum; but ten shall be necessary for the election of Fellows.

VI.—Additional ordinary General Meetings may be held during the summer, when the Council may think them necessary.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### *Of the Annual General, and Special General, Meetings.*

I.—THE Annual General Meeting of the Society, for the election of the Officers, and other Members of the Council, shall be held on the 1st of March, unless that day shall happen to be Sunday, in which case it shall take place on the day following.

II.—The President and Council may, at any time, call a

Special General Meeting of the Society, when it seems to them necessary; giving at least one week's notice, by letter, to every Resident Fellow of the Society, of the period of meeting, and the business upon which it is summoned: and no business shall be entered upon at such meeting, except that which has been so notified.

III.—All new Bye-Laws, and all alterations of old Bye-Laws, shall be suspended in the Society's room, for the inspection of the Fellows, from the time of the issuing of the summons for the General Meeting, at which it is intended to submit such Bye-Laws, or alterations, for confirmation by two thirds of the Fellows present, pursuant to the Charter.

IV.—Any three Fellows who are not of the Council may recommend new Bye-Laws, or the repeal or alteration of old ones, to the Council, by writing under their hands, and transmitted to one of the Secretaries. On the recommendations thus made, the Council shall come to a decision at their first meeting; and if such decision shall not be satisfactory to the said three Fellows, the Council, if required by them, shall, at the Annual General Meeting, or some Special General Meeting, which they shall summon for the purpose, bring the same forward, with their decision thereupon, for the opinion of the Society at large.

V.—No resolution carried by way of original motion, or as an amendment, at the Annual General Meeting (except resolutions with respect to the election of the Council, and other prescribed matters, and usual business of such meeting) or any other General Meeting, of which notice shall not have been given in the circular summoning such meeting, shall be binding on the Society or Council, until such resolution shall be confirmed by a Special General Meeting, to be convened within fifteen days of the Meeting at which such resolution shall have been carried, by notice from the Council, stating the object of such Meeting, and the resolution or resolutions

to be proposed for confirmation, and such notice shall be sent to all the Fellows at least five days previous to such Meeting, and no question shall be discussed at such Meeting, of which notice shall not have been given in the summons.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### *Of the Society's Property.*

I.—THE whole of the Society's Property and Effects, of what kind soever, shall be under the direction and management of the Council, subject to the instructions and control of General Meetings of the Society: and the Council shall not sell, or otherwise dispose of, nor mortgage, or encumber, the lands, tenements, or hereditaments of the Society; nor enter into any lease or agreements on account of the Society, nor vacate any such leases or agreements, without the sanction of a Special General Meeting of the Society, or of the Annual General Meeting, due notice having been given of the business to be then taken into consideration.

II.—In order that this Society may in all respects conform with the provisions of the Statute 6 and 7 Vic., chap. 36, sec. 1, the funds of the Society shall at all times be devoted to the purposes for which it was instituted, and no dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money, shall at any time be made unto or between any of its Members.

## CHAPTER XIX.

### *Of Donations to the Society.*

I.—The name of every person who shall present books, money, or any other property, to the Society, shall be entered on the minutes, with the mention of the gift;—it shall be announced at an ordinary Meeting, or the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and inserted in the first



volume of the Transactions of the Society thereafter published.

II.—Books presented to the Society shall have the Donor's name inserted in them.

## CHAPTER XX.

### *Of the Common Seal and Deeds.*

I.—The Common Seal of the Society shall be a representation of Salus raising a kneeling figure;\* with the motto, NON EST VIVERE, SED VALERE, VITA;† and the date of the formation of the Society, 1805; surrounded by a Garter, having on it, SIG. SOC. REG. MED. CHIR. LOND.

II.—The Charter, the Common Seal, and Deeds of the Society shall be deposited in an Iron Chest, having two different locks; the key of one of which locks shall be kept by the President, or person officiating in his stead, and the key of the other by one of the Treasurers.

III.—The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any deed or writing, except at a meeting of the Council, and by their authority.

\* *Figura Muliebris stans; dextra, figuram virilem procumbentem sublevat; sinistra, baculum, serpente involutum, gerit.*—From a rare medal of Caracalla, in the British Museum, described in Vaillant's *Numismata Imperatorum Romanorum*.

An engraving of the Society's Seal is given in the title-page.

† *Martial, Epigram. Lib. 6, Ep. 70.*

## APPENDIX.

### No. I.

#### *Letter notifying the Election of a Resident Fellow.*

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY,  
53, BERNERS STREET, LONDON.

———— THE ——— 18——.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you, that on the ——— day of ——— you were elected a Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; and I beg to transmit to you a card of the Meetings for the season. According to the regulations of the Society, you are required to pay your admission fee of Six Guineas, and to appear at a Meeting of the Society for admission, on or before the ——— day of ——— otherwise your election will be void.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

———— SECRETARY.

### No. II.

#### *Letter notifying the Election of a Non-resident Fellow.*

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY,  
53, BERNERS STREET, LONDON.

———— THE ——— 18——.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you, that on the ——— day of ——— you were elected a Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society; and I beg to transmit to you a printed copy of an obligation, which you are requested to subscribe and to return, addressed to the Secretaries, at the Society, on or before the ——— day of ——— together with an order on London for your admission fee of Six Guineas; otherwise your election will be void.

On the payment of a further sum of Six Guineas, you will be entitled to receive, without any further expense, one copy of every volume of the Society's Transactions which may be published subsequently to such payment.

I am further to inform you that you will be at liberty to avail yourself of all the privileges of a Resident Fellow, by paying the annual contribution of Three Guineas, instead of the Six Guineas last referred to.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

———— SECRETARY.

## No. III.

*Obligation to be transmitted to Non-resident Fellows on their Election.*

———— THE ———— 18——.

I HEREBY promise that I will, to the utmost of my power, promote the honour and interest of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, and observe the enactments of its Charter and Bye-Laws, as long as I continue a Fellow thereof.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## No. IV.

*Diploma of an Honorary Fellow.*

SCIANT omnes, Præsidentem, Concilium, et Sodales, Societatis Regiæ Medico-Chirurgicæ Londinensis, virum doctissimum et spectatissimum \_\_\_\_\_ in Sodalitium suum, inter Socios Honorarios cooptasse. Cujus rei, in testimonium fidemque, has literas, manibus nostris, et sigillo Societatis munitas, lubentissime dabamus. Londini, \_\_\_\_\_ die Mensis \_\_\_\_\_ Anno Domini 18——.

## No. V.

*Permanent Order on a Banker for the Payment of Contributions.*

MESSRS. \_\_\_\_\_ Pay to \_\_\_\_\_ my Annual Contribution of Three Guineas to the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London, due on the 1st day of March; and the same amount on that date in every succeeding year, till further notice.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,  
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